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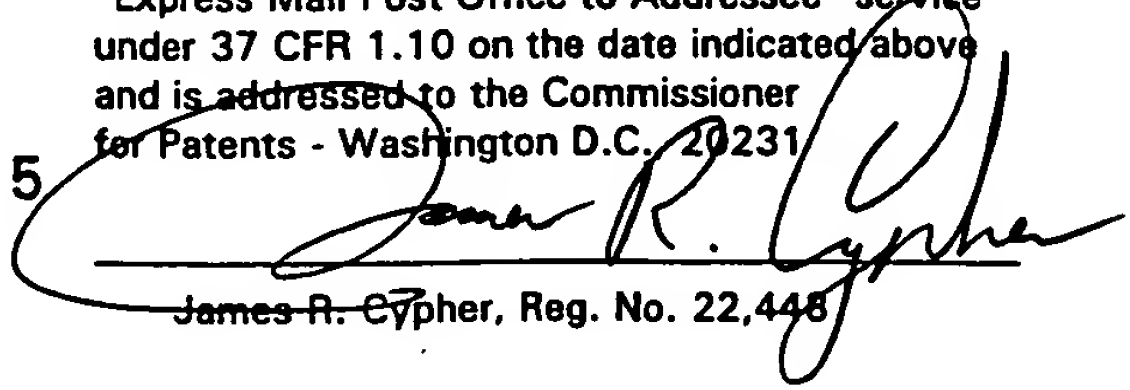
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WOOD-TO WOOD SHEAR CONNECTION

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Response to Examiner's letter dated 4/10/01

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This is in response to Examiner F. Saether's letter dated 4/10/01 and
the Legal Instruments Examiner Toi Johnson's letter of Notice of
Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121). After a telephone call to
Examiner Toi Johnson on 4/18/01, it is the undersigned's understanding
30 that the Preliminary Amendment bearing a Certificate of Mailing date of
March 1, 2001 is the document out of compliance.

Accordingly, this response is to bring the above Preliminary
Amendment into Compliance with 37 CFR §1.121(a) and (b) (1) (i), (ii), and
(iii).

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Under 37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(i), Applicant requests that paragraph one
(1), on page 1 (1), beginning at line 4 of the Original specification filed

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- 1 12/01/2000 be replaced with a single paragraph set forth in clean form below.

Replacement paragraph in clean form under 37 CFR § 1.121(b) (1) (ii)

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This application is a second continuation-in-part of pending application serial number 09/487,981, filed January 20, 2000 which was based on U.S. Ser. No. 08/920,417 now U.S. 6,109,850 granted Aug. 29, 2000. The first pending continuation-in-part application is serial number 10 09/692, 674 filed October 18, 2000.

Another version of the replacement paragraph under 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii)

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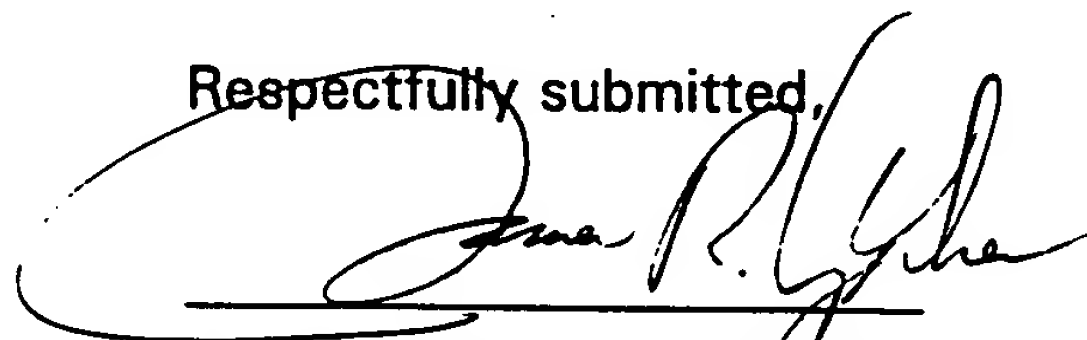
- 20 Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing Preliminary Amendment be entered by the Examiner.

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